the pay scales in case of employees following IDA pattern of scales in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) were made effective from 1.1.1997. Prior to this, two pay revisions were given effect from 1.1.92 and 1.1.87.

(b) and (c) The compensation under Voluntary Retirement/Voluntary Separation Scheme (VRSA/SS) is calculated on the basis of the existing pay of VRSA/SS optees. The compensation would be increased by 100% and 50% in case of employees on 1987 pay scales and 1992 pay scales respectively with a view to remove their hardships.

**Automotive testing Centre at Nellore**

250. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal of setting up of National Automotive Testing Research and Infrastructure Centre at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) when the project was conceived and what is the total cost involved in setting up of the Centre;

(c) whether any consultations, either with the concerned Indian or global players, have been held for specialized testing facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) In July, 2005, Government approved implementation of the National Automotive Testing Research and Development Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) at a total cost of Rs. 1718 crore. NATRIP envisages setting up of world class automotive testing & homologation facilities and proving ground at selected locations in India. The site at Nellore has not been approved for setting up of facilities under NATRIP.

(c) and (d) NATRIP Implementation Society has appointed M/s. IDIADA of Spain as global consultants for the projects.

**Closure of Cement Corporation of India Units**

251. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sell-off or privatize some units of Cement Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the production has been stopped in these units; and

(d) if so, the estimated loss incurred due to closure of such units during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) On the directions of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, a Draft Rehabilitation Scheme (DRS) for Cement Corporation of India Ltd. has been prepared by the Operating Agency, namely the Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd. The DRS, *inter alia,* proposes closure and asset sale of seven non-operating units *i.e.* Mandhar (Chhattisgarh), Kurkunta (Karnataka), Nayagaon (Madhya Pradesh), Akaltara (Chhattisgarh), Charkhi Dadri (Haryana), Adilabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Delhi Grinding Unit (New Delhi) and the utilization of funds so generated for revival of CC1 including improvement in functioning of the three functional units *i.e.* Bokajan (Assam) Rajban (Himachal Pradesh) and Tandur (Andhra Pradesh).

(c) 7 units of CCI became non-operational as follows:—

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Mandhar (Chhattisgarh) | 06.06.1996 |
| 2. Kurkunta (Karnataka) | 01.11.1998 |
| 3. Nayagaon (Madhya Pradesh) | 30.06.1997 |
| 4. Akaltara (Chhattisgarh) | 09.12.1996 |
| 5. Charkhi Dadri (Haryana) | 14.08.1996 |
| 6. Adilabad (Andhra Pradesh) | 05.11.1998 |
| 7. Delhi Grinding Unit (New Delhi) | 08.02.1999 |

(d) The net loss on account of the seven non-operative units during the last three years is as under:— (Rupees in crores)

| Name of the Unit | 2004-05 | 2003-04 | 2002-03 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mandhar | 14.12 | 6.18 | 14.18 |
| Kurkunta | 12.19 | 2.89 | 13.07 |

| Name of the Unit | 2004-05 | 2003-04 | 2002-03 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nayagaon | 17.70 | 8.58 | 17.89 |
| Akaltara | 29.35 | 10.35 | 30.41 |
| Charkhi Dadri | 12.94 | 4.99 | 12.89 |
| Adilabad | 25.19 | 7.60 | 23.76 |
| Delhi Grinding Unit | 31.22 | 24.07 | 68.58 |

**VRS in Public Sector Enterprises**

252. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI HARISH RAWAT: SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of CPSEs (Central Public Sector Enterprises) who have opted for VRSA/SS schemes in last three years;

(b) the details of middle, lower management, supervisory and labourers level personnel who opted VRSA/SS, year-wise and category-wise and details of VRS dues paid to each of these categories;

(c) the number of VRSA/SS optees who have been covered under Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment (CRR) scheme;

(d) the number of CRR beneficiaries who have been re-employed;

(e) whether there is a gap between the VRSA/SS optees and CRR beneficiaries and those who have been actually re-employed and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken to improve the coverage under CRR scheme and to make it more effective in terms of ratio of re-employment of beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Details of VRSA/SS Optees during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 is as under:

| Year | No. of VRSA/SS optees |
|---|---|
| 2001-02 | 54367 |
| 2002-03 | 63741 |
| 2003-04 | 45125 |